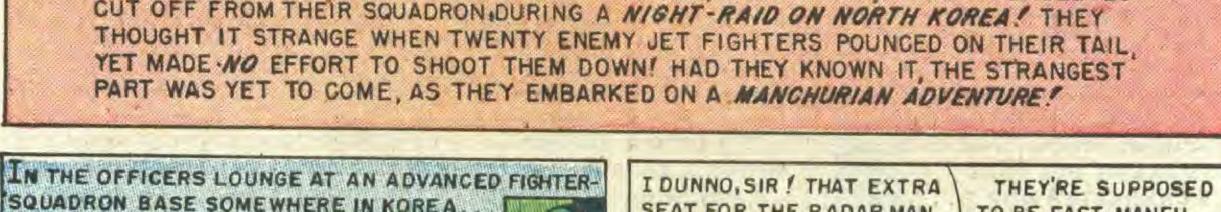




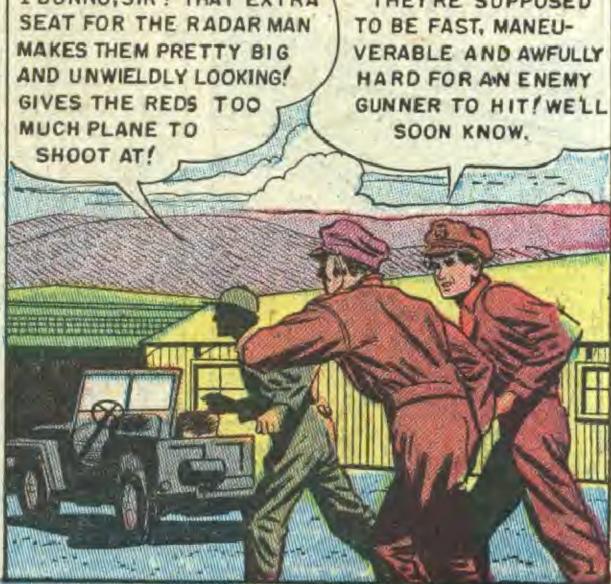


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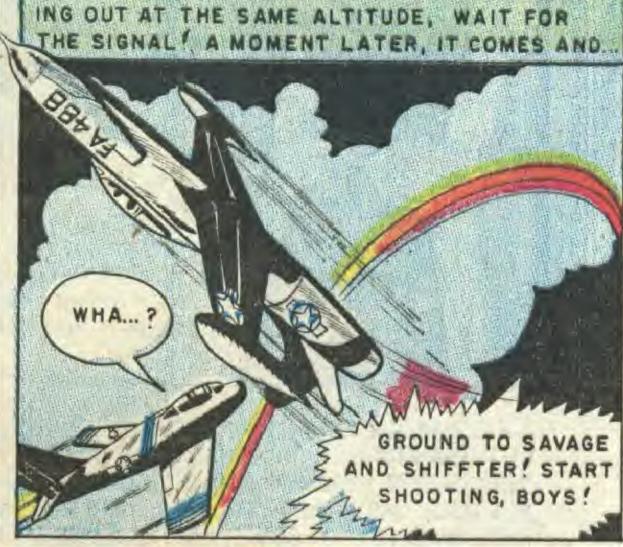












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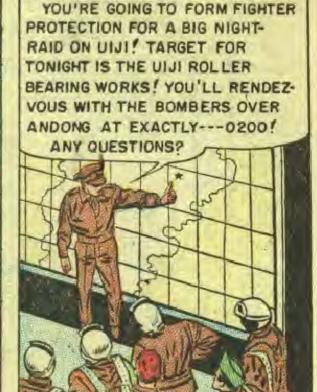
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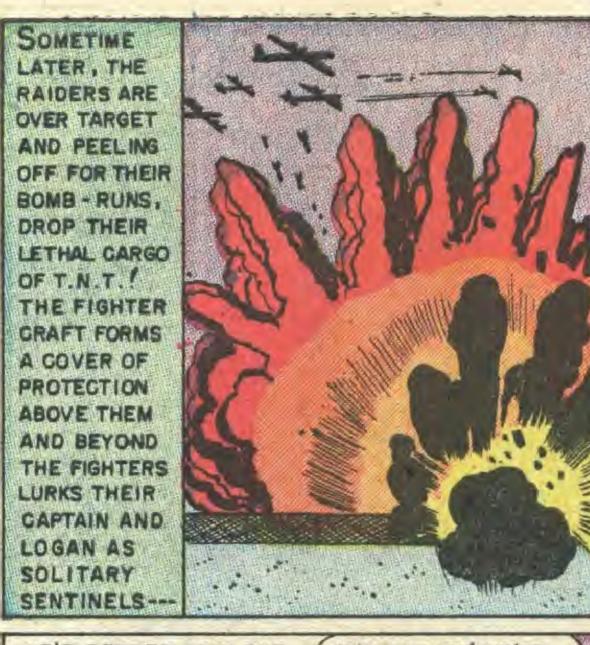
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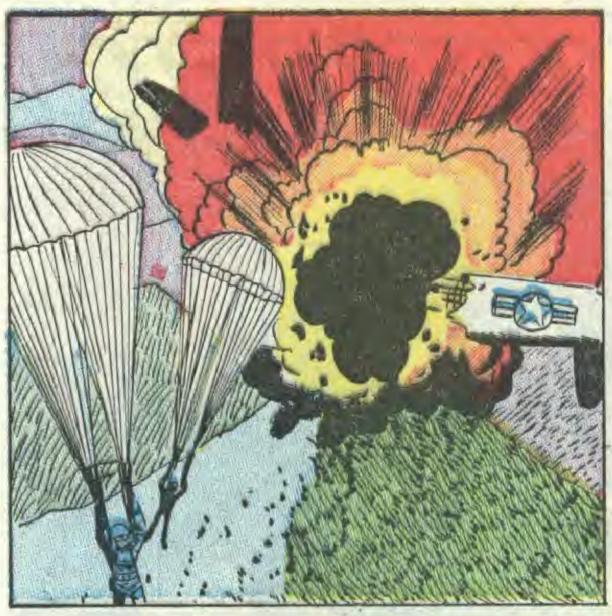








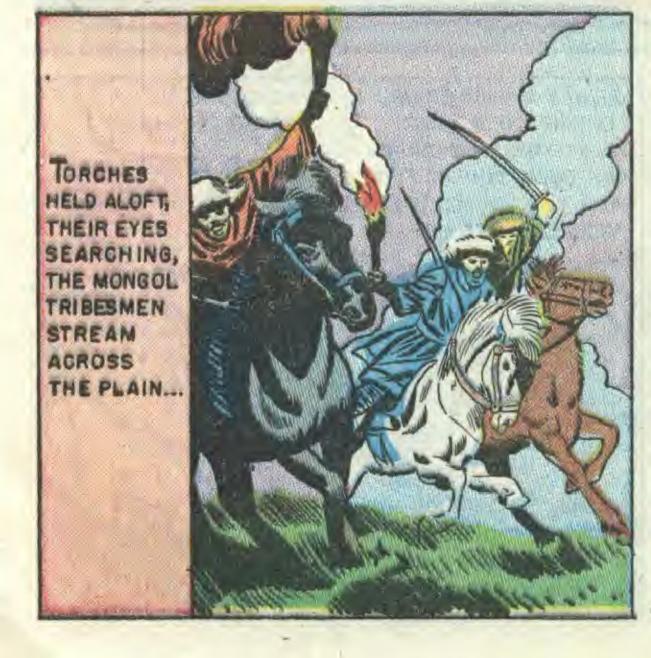














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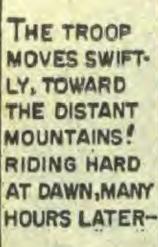
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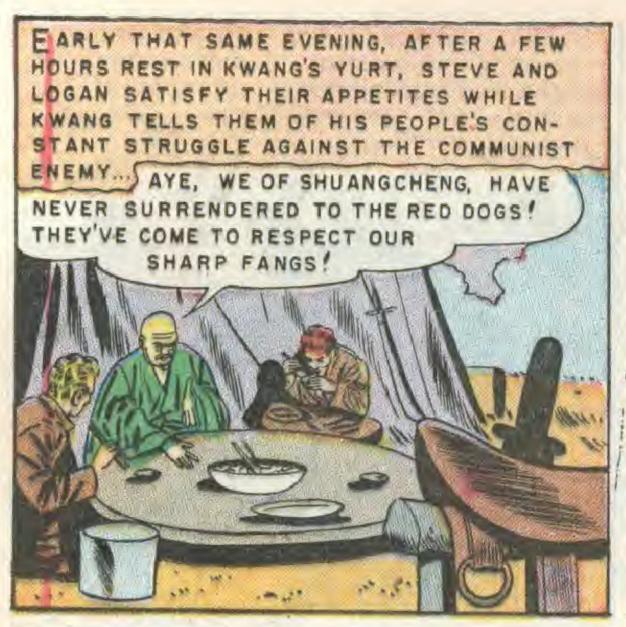
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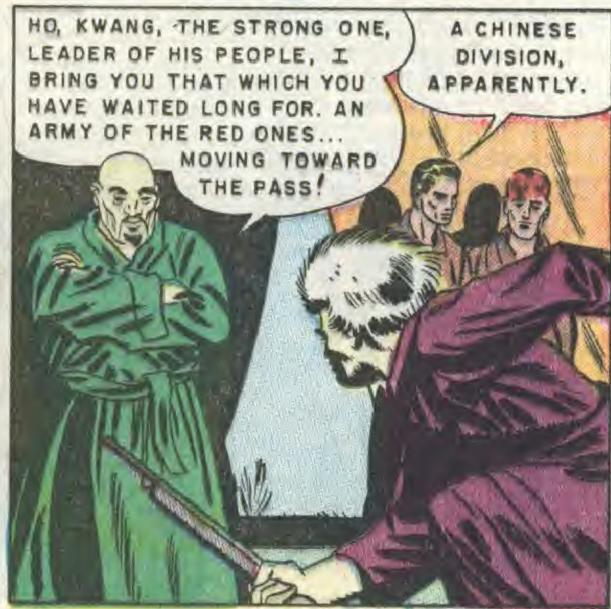


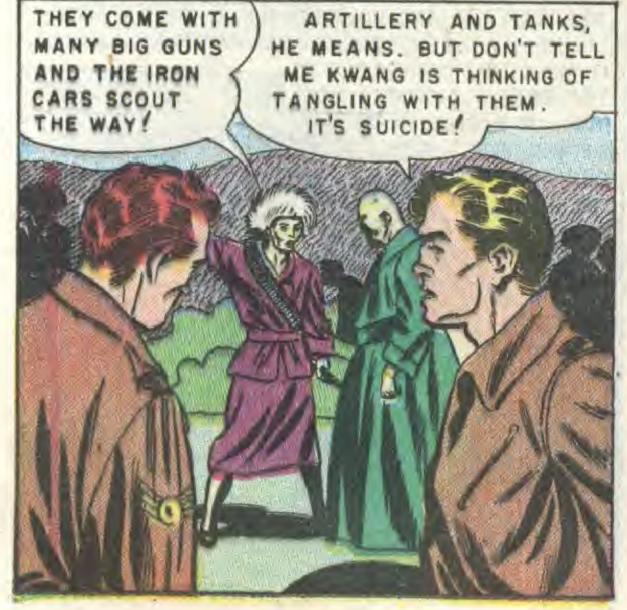






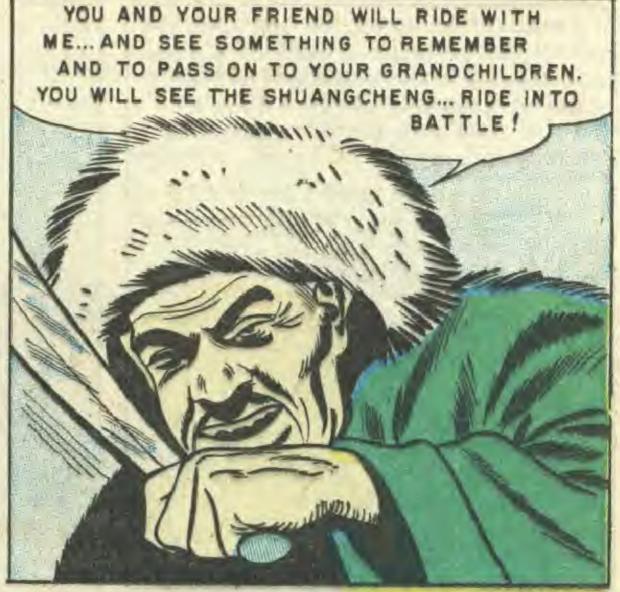


















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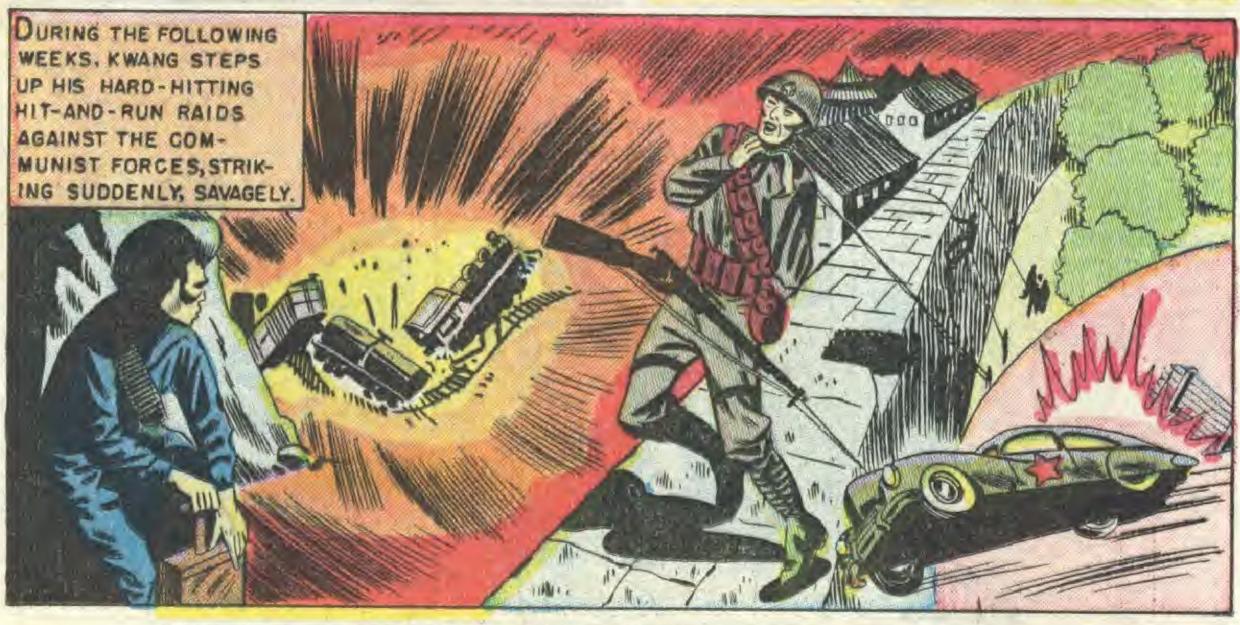












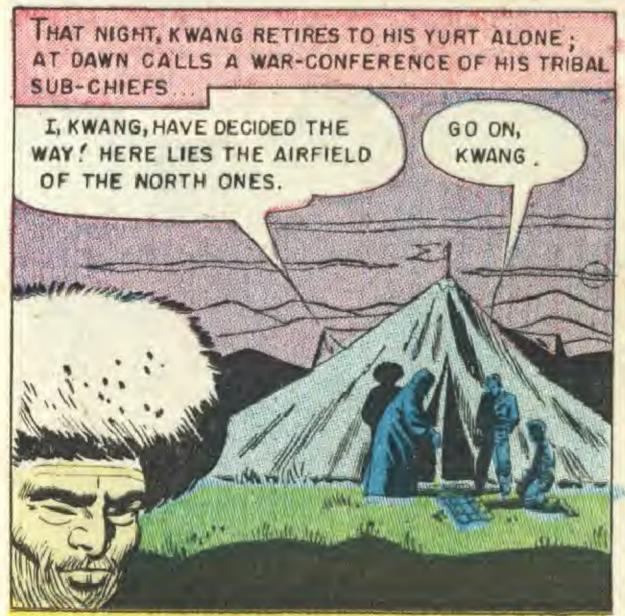
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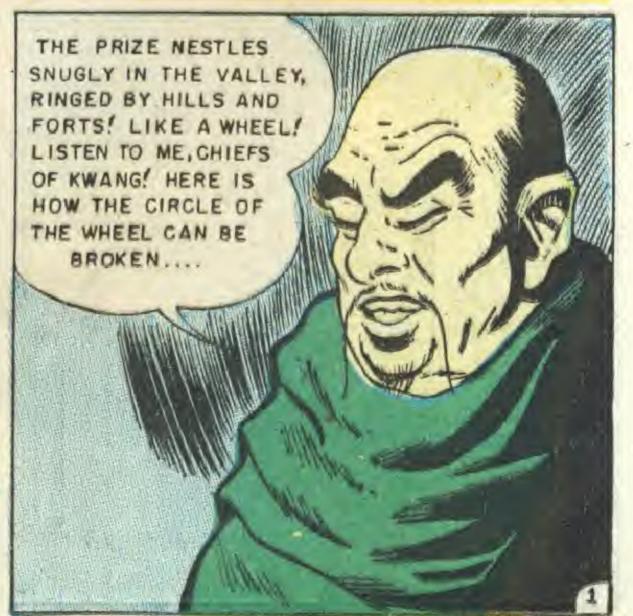




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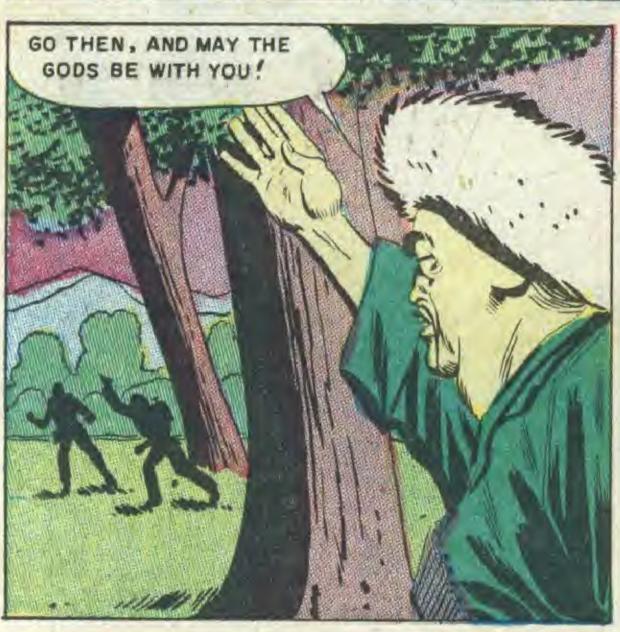






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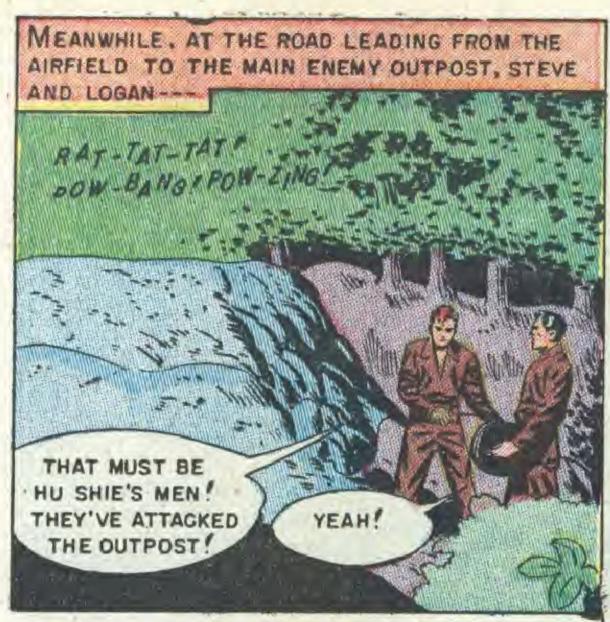
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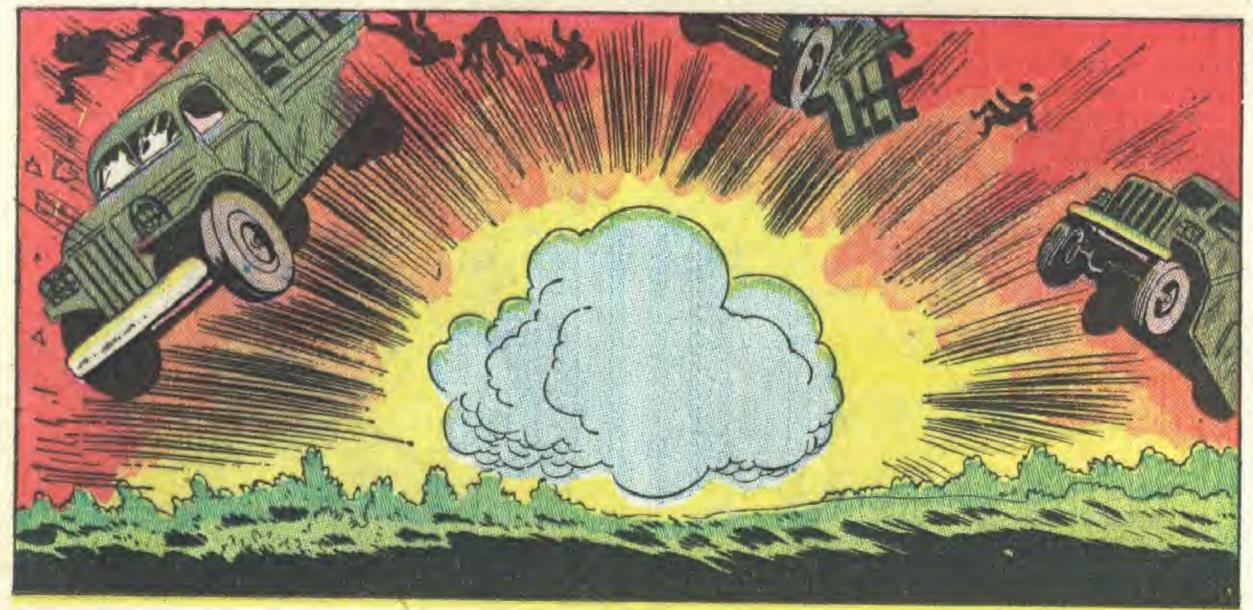












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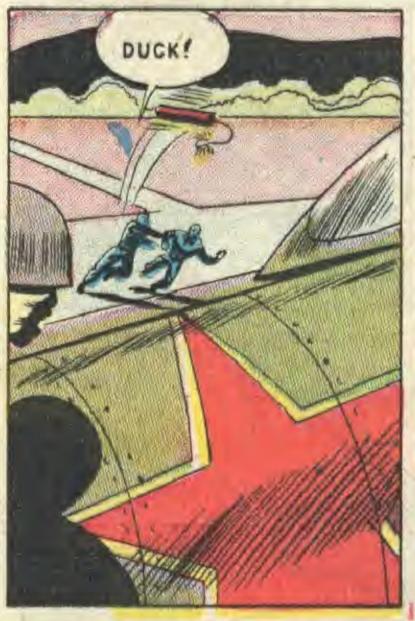








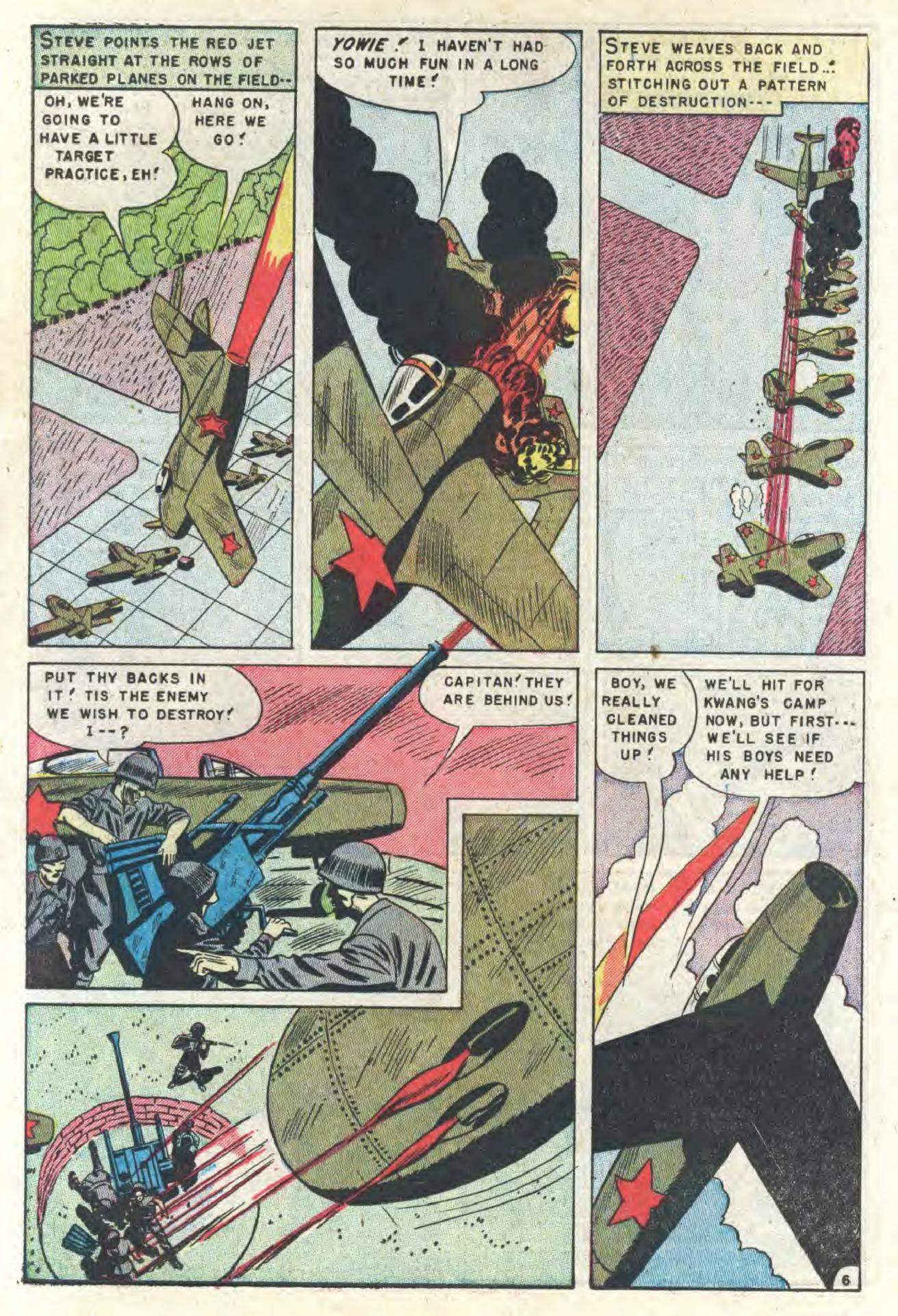






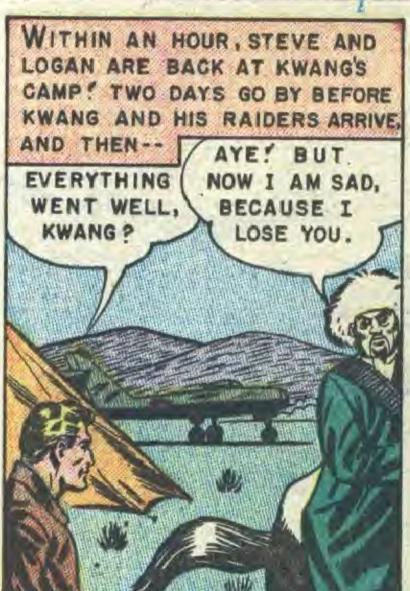














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## HUNDRED-PROOF TANK TRAP

weeks of the Korean war. Joe Bleak and Tom Sloan, reporters attached to the U.S. Commission in South Korea, were sitting in a small abandoned farmer's hut outside of Taejon. The shattered South Korean Army had finished straggling past—what there was of it that had not surrendered or fled to the hills after the Northern onslaught had taken Seoul. The other Americans had passed long ago, but this jeep had broken down and their driver was working on it frantically outside in the road.

It looked bad. The Red forces were still pouring on down towards what looked like a quick victory. The Rhee government had gone to Pusan where the U.S. forces from Japan were landing to build up a defense base. The natives of this tiny hamlet had cleared out already. If their jeepwasn't fixed soon, it was going to be real bad.

"How long we gotta wait?" Joe went outside and yelled to their driver. The mechanic looked up from where he had been bent over the hood. He wiped a bit of grease from his hands on his dirty overalls and said, "Give me another fifteen minutes and we'll get off." Just then, they both stopped and listened.

There had been silence in the neighborhood since the last ROK trucks and refugee carts had passed a half hour ago. Now they heard a new noise, a rumbling down the road. "Tanks!" the driver shouted. "North Korean tanks!"

Joe scowled. He shouted to the mechanic to keep on working at the jeep engine, maybe they could figure something out. He went inside. "Where's that bottle of booze you been saving." Tom Sloan dug into his kit and pulled out the bottle. "What

you gonna do?"

"I got an idea we can stop the first tank that comes in. If we can knock that out, the rest will wait, figuring the village is defended." Joe opened the bottle of high proof rotgut whiskey, tore up some cloth and wadded it into the neck of the bottle, first soaking it in the liquor. Into this wadding he stuck a couple of matches, heads up. Then he reached into his pocket and took out a cigar, which he stuck into his mouth. "For gosh sake," Tom said. "You goin' to a picnic?"

Joe smiled took the bottle and went out. He walked down the road and around the bend that lead into the village. From there he could see a cloud of dust that was the advance enemy tank approaching. He stepped behind some bushes by the roadside and waited, puffing on his cigar. In a few more minutes, he could see the tank clearly, far in advance of its comrades.

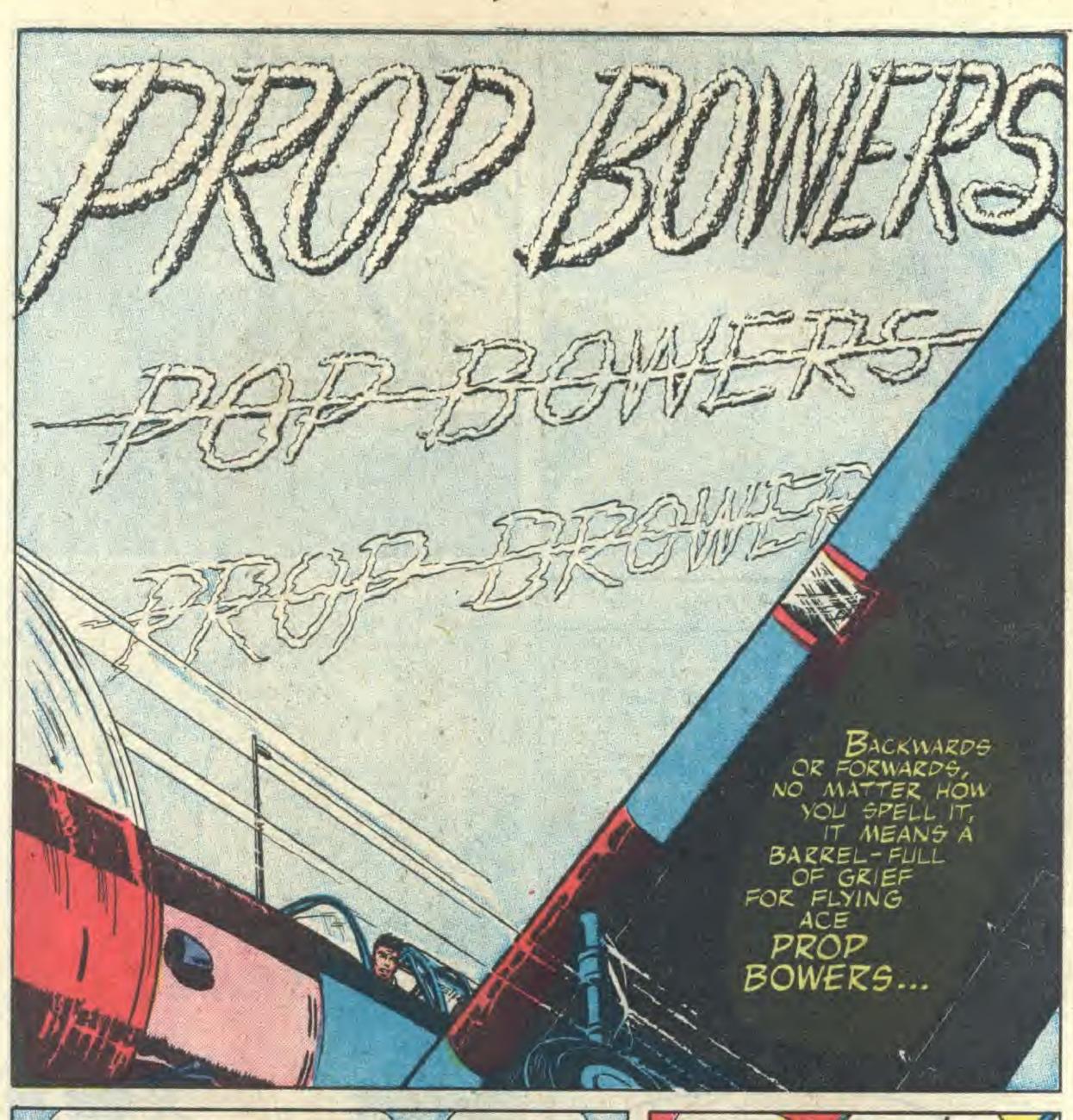
It rumbled closer and closer. Joe could see the ugly snout of its rapid-fire gun swinging slowly back and forth from its turret. He could see the Korean characters and numbers painted in white along its side. And finally he could see the red star in the white circle that was the emblem of the North Korean Government. The tank rolled down the road towards him, its metal treads raising a cloud of dust.

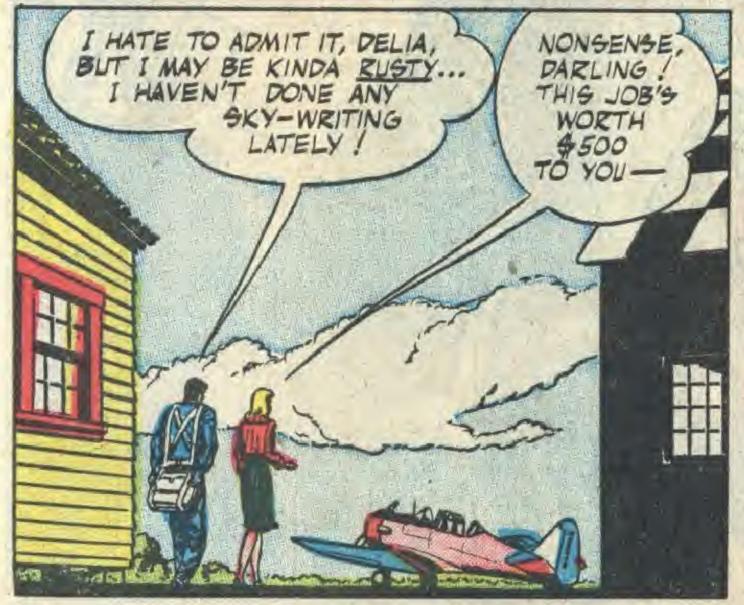
It was close now to where Joe was hidden. He watched it carefully, puffing on his cigar. Then finally, as it came abreast of him, he held the bottle to the glowing end of his cigar. The matches which were stuck in the bottle neckflared on contact with the stogie's burning end. Then Joe leaped forward, swung the bottle in his hand like he was bowling and threw it right between the treads and cogged wheels that turned them. He had gauged it exactly.

The matches had ignited the wadding and that in turn touched off the highly inflammable alcohol content of the cheap strong whiskey. The bottle exploded in a shower of blue, blazing liquid. This spattered all over the oily underside and axles of the tank, which immediately flared up like a bonfire. Joe jumped away in time, though his clothes were scorched. The men in the tank never had a chance. There was a couple of wild shrieks from inside the machine, the tank turned half around on one of its treads, and then blew up.

Joe ran back to where the jeep was parked. The driver had just slammed down the hood. "All set," he yelled. They piled in, the engine coughed, started. They were off. Behind them there was silence as the oncoming Red column stopped, while its men were hastily digging in for the expected fight in the village.

"What'd you do?" asked Sloan, as they sped down the road towards Taejon. "Oh, nuthin' much. Just a little trick I picked up while I was in the O.S.S. with the French underground a few years ago," said Joe. "But, heck, I went and forgot to hang on to that cigar. Why it was only half smoked..."























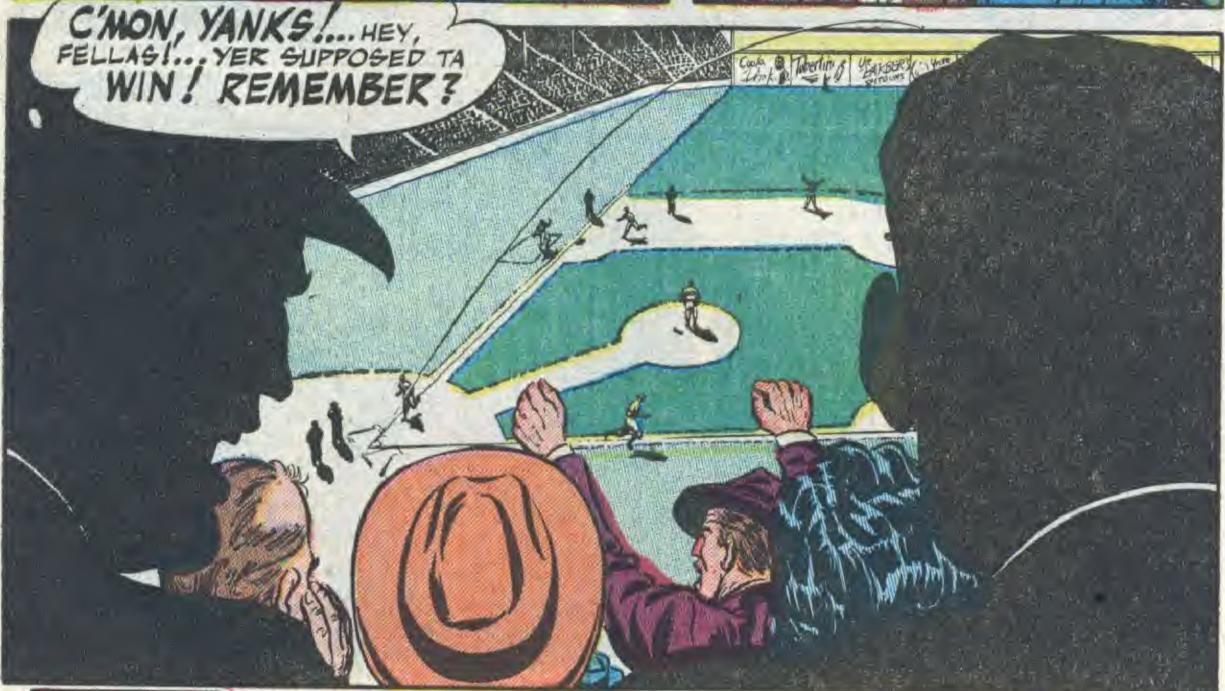


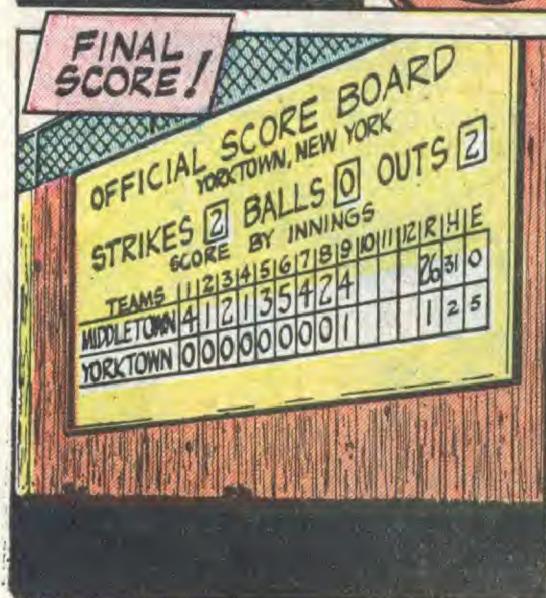


















... OFFERED ME A THOUGAND TO THROW THE GAME !... WE

DON'T LIKE THAT ... DO WE.

MUDHENS 3















## THE VICTORY DECOY

It was on a small island in the South Pacific. We had just taken the place. By we, I mean the company of combat engineers I was with. Mostly boys from New York City. Blackie, my buddy, was sitting down on a fallen hunk of masonry looking at a big Japanese inscription set on a massive slab by the side of the big concrete fortifications. It had been pretty formidable once, but now it was just a sad pile of junk.

They had not thought the island was inhabited when they landed our men there to set up an emergency air base and radio center. We were shoving through the jungle when we got plastered by some heavy Jap fire. We soon found out that there was a secret Jap radio station there. When we caught sight of what we were up against it looked kind of serious. The Japs had been building a concrete emplacement set against a natural formation of upthrust rocks. They had dug themselves in right well and with a couple of artillery pieces, were in a position to block us for months.

Now we did have one fortunate thing. We had a guy with us who could speak and read Japanese. I don't know how he came to be with us, since they didn't expect we'd meet any Nips, but he was—a little, studious guy with glasses. This fellow and our captain went into a huddle after we'd dug in a series of foxholes in the trees just outside of the sight of the Jap fort. We didn't have any artillery or flamethrowers with us, not expecting this kind of trouble.

The interpreter and the captain worked out a plan. We had a lot of radio equipment with us. They set up a series of loud-speaker arrangements all around that Jap base, in the deep woods on all sides. Then they tuned in on their receiver until they picked up a certain station in Australia. About that time, that station usually put on a lot of military music. They got a full-piece Army brass band on the radio, then statted to broadcast it

to the Japs at full power from all sides. The captain and the interpreter kept shouting all sort of things into the mikes. To the Japs it must have sounded like the woods were full of big parades, marching men, and what not. It must have been real crazy. The interpreter was yelling away in Jap.

I gather what they were doing was claiming that the Japanese had won their big victory. The interpreter was hollering about how they had just captured Washington and how the Emperor was riding down Pennsylvania Avenue on a white horse. After a little of this; we could see the Japs sticking their heads out from behind their gun emplacements. Then, in a little while, bunches of them were standing around outside looking puzzled and a little hopeful. Then, apparently the idea suddenly caught on, and they started a regular holiday.

The whole garrison came pouring out of the fortifications without their guns, threw their hats into the air and were dancing around. We waited until the celebration was getting real wild-then gave it to them. Our rifles and rapid-fires blasted away; our men threw dynamite sticks and grenades into them and we charged, yelling.

It was all over before you knew it. They hardly fired a shot. Those that didn't surrender, got killed while they were standing there with their mouths open, gaping.

So here was Blackie and I sitting by the side of the big inscription. It read, according to what the interpreter had written down for us: DEDICATED BY HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN TO THE TEN THOUSAND YEARS OF FUTURE TRIUMPH OF THE ETERNAL JAPANESE WORLD EMPIRE.

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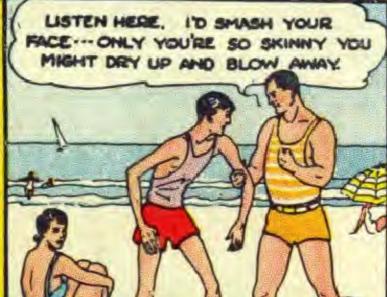
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